

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1 - 14 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barker et al. (US Patent No. 6,646,765) (“Barker”) in view of Yakata (JP Patent No. 10275206) (“Yakata”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

First, claims 2 and 7 have been canceled and their limitations added to claim 1, and claims 9 and 10 have been canceled and their limitations added to claim 8.

Claims 1 and 8

Applicants should withdraw the rejection to claims 1 and 8 as the Examiner has not shown that the combination of Barker and Yakata describe all the limitations of either claim 1 or claim 8. For example, the Examiner has not shown that either Barker or Yakata describe a cover sheet that includes both machine readable and tactilely readable information, where the tactilely readable information relates to or describes one or more user selectable parameters. Therefore, the Examiner has not established that either claim 1 or claim 8 is obvious over Barker in view of Yakata.

Claims 3 – 6 and 11 – 14

Claims 3 – 6 should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed as claims 3 – 6 depend from claim 1 and claims 11 – 14 should be allowed if claim 8 is allowed as claims 11 -1 4 depend from claim 8.

Conclusion

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

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